

Public Law 96-455  
96th Congress

An Act

Oct. 15, 1980

[H.R. 4273]

To amend section 17 of the Act of July 5, 1946, as amended, entitled "An Act to provide for the registration and protection of trade-marks used in commerce, to carry out the provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes."

Trademark Trial  
and Appeal  
Board,  
membership.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 17 of the Act of July 5, 1946, entitled "An Act to provide for the registration and protection of trade-marks used in commerce, to carry out the provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes" (60 Stat. 434), as amended August 8, 1958 (72 Stat. 540), and January 2, 1975 (88 Stat. 1949), 15 U.S.C. 1067, is amended by deleting the second sentence and substituting therefor: "The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board shall include the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioners, and members appointed by the Commissioner. Employees of the Patent and Trademark Office and other persons, all of whom shall be competent in trademark law, shall be eligible for appointment as members."

Effective date.  
15 USC 1067  
note.

SEC. 2. This amendment shall become effective on the date of its enactment. Members of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board on the date of enactment shall continue to be members under and in accordance with the provisions of section 17 of the Act of July 5, 1946, as amended, in effect immediately preceding the date of enactment.

Approved October 15, 1980.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

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